



Lieutenant  
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**I**N FEBRUARY 1946 WAS APPOINTED THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA, REMAINING ON DUTY STATUS WHILE ON THIS NON-MILITARY ASSIGNMENT. HE WAS MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION AT THE PARIS PEACE CONFERENCE.  
AUTHOR: "MY THREE YEARS IN MOSCOW"  
(Best seller book in 1949)

JOINED THE NATIONAL GUARD AT THE AGE OF 16. COMMISSIONED 2<sup>nd</sup> LIEUTENANT IN THE INFANTRY, RESERVE 1917. TO FRANCE 1918 WITH 4<sup>th</sup> DIVISION.



1950: CHIEF OF THE  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
AGENCY

# PRIVATE to GENERAL



1942: BECAME CHIEF OF STAFF OF EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS IN ENGLAND. CHIEF OF STAFF OF SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, AEF AND THE EUROPEAN THEATER.  
1949: COMMAND OF FIRST ARMY, GOVERNORS ISLAND, NEW YORK.

## ★ DECORATIONS ★

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL AND TWO OAK LEAF CLUSTERS. NAVY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL. LEGION OF MERIT & BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

### ... FOREIGN DECORATIONS ...

THE KNIGHT GRAND CROSS, ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, LION OF THE NETHERLANDS, CROWN OF BELGIUM, CROIX DE GUERRE OF LUXEMBURG, KNIGHT COMMANDER, ORDER OF THE BATH (BRITISH) LEGION OF HONOR, FRANCE, WHITE LION (CZECHOSLOVAKIA), ORDER OF GLORY (TUNIS), ORDER OF ALQUITE (MOROCCO), POLONIA RESTITUTA, POLAND, CAVALIER OF ORDER OF RUTUZOF, (FIRST CLASS), RUSSIA, SILVER CROSS, VIRTUTI MILITARI, (POLAND), CROIX DE GUERRE (FRANCE) 1918-1944, CROIX DE GUERRE (BELGIUM), ORDER OF MILITARY MERIT OF BRAZIL, AND MILITARY MEDAL OF BRAZIL.

## ★ SERVICE and SCHOOLS ★

1931-32, INFANTRY SCHOOL, FORT BENNING, GA.  
1933, INFANTRY SCHOOL, SECRETARY, FT. BENNING, GA.  
1933, COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF SCHOOL, FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
1935, INFANTRY SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR IN WEAPONS, FORT BENNING, GEORGIA.

1936, GRADUATE ARMY WAR COLLEGE, WASH., D.C.  
1936, FACULTY OF INFANTRY SCHOOL, FT. BENNING, GA.  
1939, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF GENERAL STAFF ON WAR DEPT GENERAL STAFF, WASH., D.C.  
1941, SECRETARY OF COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF AT WASH., D.C., SECRETARY JOINT BOARD, WASH., D.C.

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ON BEHALF OF  
GENERAL EISENHOWER,  
GENERAL BEDELL SMITH  
SIGNED THE GERMANY  
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